

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
November 15, 2021**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present - Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Excused Absence - Alderman Crane

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to allow Alderman Crane to participate remotely in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

NAY: None **Absent:** Alderman Crane **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

ROLL CALL

Present - Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Present Remotely - Alderman Crane

Absent - NONE

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Watson, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Leah Inman, Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Engineer Brian Brown, City Attorney Jim McPhedran.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Lavieri wanted to clarify in the minutes in regards to the appointment of Dale Tieman as Assistant Fire Chief. The Mayor is the one who makes the appointment with the consent of the Council accepting Fire Chief Janick's recommendation.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 1, 2021. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at Fourth and Bucklin to repair gas leak.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Designs and Signs on behalf of Metropolis Comics to install a non-illuminated single facing wall sign at 1119 Eighth Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and accept the Monthly Police Income report for October 2021 showing total fees collected of \$3,706.96
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, approve, and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for August 2021 of \$93,143.01, and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$82,372.58 for a total of \$175,515.59. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and approve a recommendation from the Finance Committee for a request from Marsha Stefenel of Marty's Barbershop for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$1,687.50 for premises located at 206 Third Street.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and approve the request from the Finance committee for a request regarding the purchase of online software for Fire and EMS for \$5,057.00/year.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and approve the request from the Finance Committee for a request regarding the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD for the police department.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mayor Grove wanted to point out how over half of the general fund comes from the Police Department and Chief Smudzinski is doing very well watching the budget for the Department, along with all city departments.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the recommendation from the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee to deny the request in regards to installing speed bumps on Edwards Avenue between Malcolm and Chartres St.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore wanted to ask about leaf pickup during the holidays. The leaf pickup has been running smoothly and was just wondering if the leaf vac may have to come out on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Alderman Crane suggested allowing Supt. Watson to make that decision when the time comes for the weekend of Thanksgiving.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize and pay Final Pay Estimate to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totaling \$12,310.00 for work completed to date on the Temple Alley (north of Fourth Street between Gooding and Marquette) project. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Attorney McPhedran wanted to point out that this pay estimate and the following pay estimates are for projects that the Council has already approved.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to authorize and pay Estimate #1 to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totalling \$93,149.05 for work completed to date on the East WWTP Roadway Improvements project.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Engineer Brown wanted to point out that this is the ONE and FINAL payment for the East WWTP Roadway Improvement project. Alderman Ptak wanted to clarify that the original estimate for this project was for \$80,000. Brown stated that there was a provision that more may be needed to complete the project. SKI had to grind more area, shape it, and use more asphalt than originally quoted for.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize and pay Estimate #3 to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totaling \$139,204.70 for work completed to date on the Rotary park Phase III - Path to Prairie Lake - Recreational Trails Program project.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Engineer Brown wanted to state that this was the portion of the project north of the Bridge. This is the RTP and it is the federal portion of the grant. It is a 80/20, up to \$200,000 grant. The project is about complete. There are two separate grant funds, RTP and OSLAD, but the same project. The OSLAD portion is up to the bridge, from Rotary Park down the hill. The original project was estimated to be about \$718,000. The projects were bid together because they are administered through DNR.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize and pay Estimate #3 to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totaling \$219,191.25 for work completed to date on the Rotary Park Phase III - Path to Prairie Lake - OSLAD project.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Alderman Ptak wanted to compliment City Engineer Brown on how beautiful the Prairie Path has been designed.

Mayor Grove mentioned how some mile markers will be placed around the path.

Engineer Brown stated how the plan will be to place markers every .2 of a mile, with information about the quarry itself. There will be a pollinator garden. Brown wanted the council to know that the four wheelers, side by sides, and dirt bikes are already tearing up the area and the city really needs to try to put that to a stop. Brown has been in contact with Police Chief Smudzinski.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove spoke in regards to the New Public Works Building. The closing of the building was in August. Not too much has been going on with this building. Mayor Grove said the Project Committee will meet once Alderman Crane returns from working out of the area.

Mayor Grove then continued to discuss the current Vendome lot. He stated that Finance Director Duncan had discussed how this project was appropriated back when the Finance Committee met about appropriations. The lot was a bit rough and the gravel was running off. Economic Developer Inman thought of the idea of making it look more amicable until the city receives more interest in the lot. Alderman Bacidore questioned if the lot would be more beneficial to pave it and use as city parking. Alderman Ptak suggested doing a food truck weekend to utilize the space. Mayor Grove wanted to reiterate that the space is still for sale and Inman is still working to market the lot. Alderman Herndon asked for the area to be lit from dusk till daybreak for safety purposes.

Mayor Grove also wanted to discuss the Rotary Park power discussion from a few meetings ago. There was only one bid at the time and the Mayor knew that some were not in favor of voting for the power at that time. The power has not totally been run out there yet. He has plans of getting a few more estimates for the council. The last vote came to be 5-3 and the item needed 6 votes to pass with only one estimate. The Christmas lights are currently running off generators. Supt. Watson stated that there has been conduit run about half way up there but it is not fully completed. This will be complete in the springtime. There was not time to complete and finish the conduit project due to the weather not cooperating.

Mayor Grove also discussed the process by which work orders are made with City staff and limit the number of people inputting them. Ultimately, it was decided that Deputy Clerk Brent Bader will create work orders following the meeting and non-meeting related work orders can be brought to Deputy Clerk Bader or Administrative Assistant Beth Ketter.

Mayor Grove also shared a slide with the council in regards to who is working on the lights and who is not for the Public Works Dept. He wanted the Council to see that some were just designated to the Christmas lights and there are numerous people that have not worked out on the lights and other City work is getting done.

Alderman Lavieri wanted clarification on how to put in a work order for a pothole. Economic Development Director Inman stated that it would go through Andy or Beth.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and place on file bills for November 1, 2021 with Total Submitted: \$949,328.59 (Total Payroll \$199,572.33, Bills to be paid \$78,093.85, Total Bills Paid \$671,662.41).

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane
NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:08 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk